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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A Restriction Requirement for the above case was mailed on September 7, 2005 with a 30-day period to respond.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 28-39 directed to a method of manufacturing an OLED.
- II. Claims 17-27 directed to an OLED.

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III. Claims 40-50 directed to an organic polymer.

The Examiner asserts that Group I, Group II, Group III are distinct inventions.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants assert that the search and examination of all of the claims can be made without serious burden to the Examiner, therefore, the Examiner should examine all the claims on the merits even if the application includes claims to three independent or distinct inventions. See MPEP § 803.

In the event that the instant Restriction Requirement is maintained despite the above argument, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-16 and 28-39) with traverse for the reasons presented above.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority of this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for some reason the Examiner is unable to allow the claims in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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